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(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of _____ sheets, as follows: <input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions). <input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (sent to the International Bureau only) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in electronic form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p>4. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I Basis of the report</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II Priority</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI Certain documents cited</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application</p>		

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITYInternational application No.
PCT/CN2004/000797**Box No. I Basis of the report**

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

the international application in the language in which it was filed
 a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
 international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
pages _____ received by this Authority on _____
pages _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
pages _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages _____ received by this Authority on _____
pages _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
pages _____ received by this Authority on _____
pages _____ received by this Authority on _____

a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement:

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-5,7-11,13-24</u>	YES
	Claims <u>6, 12</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1-5,7-11,13-24</u>	YES
	Claims <u>6, 12</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-24</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

D1: JP5084384 A

1. Claim 6 does not satisfy the criterion set forth in Article 33(2) PCT. Because, document D1 discloses a washing machine with an electrolytic water generating device, so that detergent is not necessary, and in which the electrolyser of the said device is hung on and fixed to the case of the washing machine (cf.col.1,l.32 to col 2,l.6 ,fig1,2). Hence, in respect of document D1, the subject-matter of claim 6 dose not involve an Novelty.

Consequently; the subject-matter of claim 6 appears to be not new and does not fulfil the requirement of Article 33(2) PCT .

2. Document D1 already discloses the additional features of the dependent claim 12 (cf. col.1,l.34;fig 1). Therefore, claim 12 appears to lack Novelty and does not fulfil the requirement of Article 33(2) PCT .

3. The prior art does not teach or suggest the washing machine according to any one of claims 1-5 and 7-11, nor the washing method according to any one of claims 13-24. Therefore claims 1-5,7-11 and 13-24 fulfil the requirements of Articles 33(2) and 33(3) PCT.

4. The claimed invention can be made or used in industry, namely it is industrially applicable. Therefore claims 1 to 24 fulfil the requirement of Article 33(4)PCT.